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1. MUNITIONS CONTROL CASES (CONFIDENTIAL)
FOLLOWING PROLONGED DISCUSSION AND WITH THE AID OF HELPFUL REPORTING FROM EMBASSY JAKARTA, WE HAVE PERSUADED HA TO AGREE TO THE SALE OF SPARE PARTS FOR .38 CALIBRE REVOLVERS USED BY THE INDONESIAN MILITARY POLICE. WE ALSO

UNDERSTAND HA WILL APPROVE SALE OF SOME GULF AND WESTERN AMMUNITION MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT TO SINGAPORE. HOWEVER, HA HAS OBJECTIONS TO SALE OF SOME SNIPER RIFLES TO INDONESIA FOR USE BY INDONESIAN ANTI-TERRORIST SQUADS, WHICH ARE BEING DEVELOPED ALONG THE LINES OF ISRAELI/CONFIDENTIAL

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GERMAN ANTI-TERRORIST UNITS. THIS IS OUR ONLY OUTSTANDING MC CASE AT THE MOMENT, EXCEPT FOR THE PHILIPPINE CASES AND THE KOREAN COMPUTER CASE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S

CHRISTOPHER MEETING (SEE BELOW).

2. SCIENCE ATTACHE PROGRAM PROPOSAL (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE COMMENTED THIS WEEK IN A MEMO TO T ON A REVISED PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO BEEF UP OUR WORLDWIDE SCIENCE ATTACHE PROGRAM. THIS LATEST PROPOSAL IS A SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED VERSION OF PREVIOUS PROPOSALS THAT WOULD CALL FOR SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS NEW EXPENDITURES TO INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF SCIENCE ATTACHE PERSONNEL, STEP UP THEIR TRAINING, ENLARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND INCREASE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF SCIENTIFIC WORK AS A CAREER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. WHILE THE PROPOSAL APPEARS TO BE A RATIONAL APPROACH, WE HAVE POINTED OUT TO T THAT IT IS IMPORTANT IN EXPANDING OUR SCIENTIFIC EFFORT TO RESPOND TO REAL AND SPECIFIC NEEDS, AND NOT TO BASE OUR PROGRAM ON THE SIMPLE ASSUMPTION THAT MORE SCIENCE ATTACHES ARE NECESSARY. WE BELIEVE WE ARE WELL STAFFED ON THE SCIENCE FRONT IN EA AT THIS TIME. WE ALSO SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT FAVOR PERSONNEL CUTS IN OTHER AREAS TO CREATE NEW SCIENCE SLOTS AND THAT WE BELIEVE THE AMBASSADORS SHOULD RETAIN THE MAJOR VOICE IN DETERMINING LEVEL AND PLACEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL.

3. NEW EA REFUGEE COORDINATOR COMPLETES TRIP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

REFUGEE COORDINATOR JACK FRIEDMAN RETURNED JULY 11 FROM A ONE-MONTH TDY, TOGETHER WITH HA/ORM DIRECTOR LOWMAN, TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE SITUATION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, PARTICULARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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THE RECENT HEAVY OUTFLOW OF BOAT CASES FROM VIETNAM. FRIEDMAN'S ITINERARY COVERED THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, AND HONG KONG, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS IN REFUGEE CAMPS ALONG THE MEKONG AND ON THE EAST COAST OF MALAYSIA, CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, THIRD-COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES, AND UNHCR OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS WITH OUR OWN POSTS, AND ATTENDANCE AT THE JULY 3 UNHCR MEETING ON REFUGEES AT KUALA LUMPUR. TOGETHER WITH LOWMAN AND REFUGEE OFFICERS IN THE FIELD, HE COMPILED A LARGE NUMBER OF POST-APRIL 1 BOAT CASE HISTORIES, SHOWING THE COMPOSITION OF ESCAPE BOAT PASSENGERS, DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING ESCAPE CRAFT, VIETNAMESE SECURITY MEASURES, INCENTIVES TO ESCAPE, AND HAZARDS ALONG THE WAY, SUCH AS PIRACY AND HOSTILE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

THE TRIP UNDERLINED THE PRIME IMPORTANCE OF AUSTRALIA'S REFUGEE PROGRAM AS A COMPLEMENT TO OUR OWN AND THE DEPENDENCE OF AUSTRALIA'S CONTINUING ACCEPTANCE OF LARGE

NUMBERS OF REFUGEES ON THE MAINTENANCE OF "ORDERLY PROCESSING" IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRANSIT CAMPS, TO PREVENT

THE DESCENT OF SCORES OF REFUGEE BOATS LANDING DIRECTLY ON AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN COASTLINE. EN ROUTE HOME, FRIEDMAN WORKED WITH THE CONGEN IN HONG KONG TO OBTAIN A FIRM OFFER FROM THE MACAU GOVERNMENT TO THE UNHCR THAT COULD RESULT IN TRANSIT CAMP FACILITIES IN MACAU CAPABLE OF RELIEVING THE PRESENT PRESSURE OF BOAT CASES ON HONG KONG AND PERHAPS EVEN ON OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

4. SENATE PASSES FY'79 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

ON JUNE 28, THE SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO CONFERENCE WITH THE HOUSE, THE FY'79 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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DURING FLOOR CONSIDERATION, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS, INTER ALIA, WERE ADOPTED:

1) A BYRD OF VIRGINIA AMENDMENT PROHIBITING FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED IN THE ACT FROM BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPARATIONS, AID, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT TO VIETNAM AND REQUIRING THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ATTAIN A FINAL ACCOUNTING OF ALL AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN VIETNAM;

2) A WEICKER, SENSE OF THE CONGRESS AMENDMENT, MODIFYING AN AMENDMENT IN THE BILL WHEN IT CAME TO THE SENATE FLOOR, CONCERNING DOLPHINS AND MARINE RESOURCES. THE REVISED AMENDMENT CALLS ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ENCOURAGE ALL NATIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN CETACEAN SEA LIFE, NOT JUST THE JAPANESE AS WAS THE PREVIOUS LANGUAGE IN THE AMENDMENT, TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGES AND TO PROMOTE AN INTERNATIONAL CETACEAN COMMISSION TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION;

3) A MCGOVERN AMENDMENT, DELETING FROM THE BILL THE PROVISION PROVIDING FOR ONE TIME "HIGH ONE" RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE OFFICERS WHOSE SALARY WAS FROZEN. DURING FLOOR DEBATE, SENATOR GLENN EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT OMB OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF THE HIGH ONE IN THE LEGISLATION; AND

4) A MC GOVERN AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS UP TO \$1.5 MILLION IN BOTH FY'79 AND FY'80 FOR FUNDING A COMMISSION ON GLOBAL HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION. FINAL CONFERENCE ACTION ON THIS LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE MID-AUGUST CONGRESSIONAL RECESS.

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4. JULY 12 CHRISTOPHER GROUP MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL)

AT THIS AFTERNOON'S INTERAGENCY HUMAN RIGHTS MEETING, DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER APPROVED THE ADB LOAN FOR THE PYINMANA SUGAR PROJECT IN BURMA, THE URBAN II AND WATER SUPPLY II IBRD LOANS FOR THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SALE OF THE IBM COMPUTER TO THE HOME MINISTRY IN KOREA. IN ACCORD WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WRITTEN COMMITMENT

TO SENATOR LONG WE WILL VOTE AGAINST AN IDA LOAN FOR AN IRRIGATION PROJECT IN VIETNAM AND AN ADB FORESTRY AND

FOREST INDUSTRIES LOAN TO LAOS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT FOUR MUNITIONS CASES FOR THE PHILIPPINES FOR SMALL ARMS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT (2 CASES) ARMED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES, AND PATROL BOATS.

MR. CHRISTOPHER ALSO ASKED THAT WE MAKE KNOWN TO THE BURMESE OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS WHEN VOTING ON IFI LOANS. HE ASKED BOB OAKLEY TO WORK OUT WITH TREASURY WHAT WE SHOULD SAY TO THE OTHER BANK MEMBERS ABOUT OUR VIETNAM AND LAOS VOTES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PHILIPPINE MUNITIONS CASES HE REQUESTED THAT DEFENSE PROVIDE HIM WITH A REVIEW OF OUR SECURITY OBLIGATIONS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

5. IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING AND PLANNING (CONFIDENTIAL)

IN RESPONSE TO A TARNOFF MEMORANDUM OF JULY 3 CONVEYING DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S WISHES, WE HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING WITH HA:

INR WILL PREPARE BY AUGUST 1 BRIEF SUMMARIES OF SIGNIFICANT HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS SINCE JANUARY 1, 1978 ON INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA AND THAILAND. CONFIDENTIAL

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SINCE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING FROM EA POSTS IS EXCELLENT NO PERIODIC REPORTS FROM OUR POSTS ARE NEEDED.

EMBASSY MANILA AND EMBASSY JAKARTA WILL BE ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS ON WHAT CAN REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED IN THE WAY OF FUTURE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS BY JULY 20.

VLC WILL DO A SIMILAR REPORT ON CAMBODIAN EXPECTATIONS.

THE PHILIPPINE, INDONESIAN AND CAMBODIAN DESKS WILL BE

ASKED TO PROVIDE HA BY AUGUST 13 A ONE OR TWO PAGE
SUMMARY FOR SELECTED COUNTRIES OF STEPS TAKEN AND
PLANNED FOR INTEGRATING HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS INTO
THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR ECONOMIC
SECURITY, CULTURAL AND OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTI-
LATERAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES FOR THOSE
COUNTRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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